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## FACULTY SENATE MEETS

The Faculty Senate met for the final time in the Spring 2021 semester Tuesday afternoon.

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There are 13 conference games left in the regular season, and the Eastern baseball team is currently in eighth place in the conference standings.

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## Eastern responds to Chauvin guilty verdict

By Corryn Brock  
News Editor | @corryn\_brock

Tuesday afternoon the jury entrusted with determining if Derek Chauvin murdered George Floyd found Chauvin guilty of second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

The murder sparked national outrage when a video of Chauvin kneeling on Floyd's neck for over nine minutes spread across social media. It led to a summer of protest and a spotlight being shone on police brutality.

Eastern's community was not exempt from the shock of the murder and many have been active in speaking out against police brutality.

University President David Glassman shared his thoughts on the verdict with The Daily Eastern News.

"For many, today's verdicts in the Derek Chauvin case in Minneapolis are a significant step forward for fairness, justice, equity – and certainly accountability. Still, one thing remains abundantly clear: There is much more work to be done to secure equal rights and treatment for all people," Glassman said. "We must continue our fight for social justice and equity, and I encourage our EIU community to renew our efforts in doing this important work together with virtuous hearts and minds."

Vice President of Student Affairs Anne Flaherty said there is still work to be done.

"The family of George Floyd is in my heart. While today's verdict in the Derek Chauvin trial provides accountability, this alone does not mean our BIPOC community has achieved true justice," Flaherty said. "There is so much work to do. We all need to continue the work of being anti-racists."

The executive members of the Student Government also provided a statement:

"The verdict in the trial of Derek Chauvin takes an important step in holding police officers accountable for their actions. However, it's hard to consider this justice. If true and proper justice had existed in our criminal justice system, George Floyd



AP PHOTO

Derek Chauvin is placed in handcuffs following him being found guilty of second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

would still be alive today. Actual justice requires us to move forward towards criminal justice reform and reform of law enforcement practices until the system works for everyone, not just a select few. We hope that today's verdict signals a significant shift in the tide in the fight for justice."

Student activists were excited for the verdict.

Morgan Colvin and Shyra Bluminberg, two women who argued for and got the Black Lives Matter flag to be flown at Eastern, shared their excitement.

"We are ecstatic that justice will be served in George Floyd's murder. Police cannot be both jury and executioner. They have to be held to the highest standard of law; they are not above it," Bluminberg said. "We hope this is a pattern that continues."

However, it was not just student activists that were happy to hear the guilty verdict.

Bradley Rucks, a junior digital media technology major, said he was relieved but cautious.

"It's just relief to me," Rucks said. "I know that this doesn't mean that people that look like me are safe with the police but it's a first step that none of us were sure would have been reached."

He said the verdict shows that "the police can't just kill people. At least in broad daylight. More than likely the next time this happens and there's not that many cameras around to capture it. The cop is likely going to get away with it. Like I said this is just a first step. And hopefully there are more steps to ensure that no more people die after this."

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## AP: Jury finds ex-officer murdered George Floyd

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Former Minneapolis Officer Derek Chauvin was convicted Tuesday of murder and manslaughter for pinning George Floyd to the pavement with his knee on the Black man's neck in a case that touched off worldwide protests, violence and a furious reexamination of racism and policing in the U.S.

Chauvin, 45, could be sent to prison for decades.

People elated by the verdict flooded the surrounding streets downtown upon hearing the news. Cars blared their horns, and people ran through traffic, waving banners.

Floyd family members gathered at a Minneapolis conference room could be heard cheering from the next room as each verdict was read.

The jury of six white people and six Black or multiracial ones came back with its verdict after about 10 hours of deliberations over two days. Chauvin was found guilty on all charges: second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

His face was obscured by a COVID-19 mask, and little reaction could be seen beyond his eyes darting around the courtroom.

His bail was immediately revoked and he was led away with his hands cuffed behind his back. Sentencing will be in two months.

As the judge asked jurors if they reached a verdict, a hush fell on the crowd 300 strong in a park adjacent to the courthouse, with people listening to the proceedings on their cellphones. When the final guilty verdict was announced, the crowd roared, many people hugging, some shedding tears.

At the intersection where Floyd was pinned down, a crowd chanted, "One down, three to go!" — a reference to the three other fired Minneapolis police officers facing trial in August on charges of aiding and abetting murder in Floyd's death.

## City Council approves FY 2021/2022 city budget

By Corryn Brock  
News Editor | @corryn\_brock

The Charleston City Council approved the budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Tuesday night.

The budget sets aside money for things like public services, salaries of public servants and items within the various city-run departments.

Along with approving the budget set to start May 1, the council also approved amendments to the current budget.

Changes can be seen in the general fund, motor fuel tax fund, tax increment financing fund and water and sewer fund. The changes were made to reflect the difference from what the city expected versus what actually happened throughout the past year.

Additionally, changes to water and sewer rates and ambulance rates were approved during the meeting. Both will see an increase.

Currently the rates for water and sewer service within corporate limits are \$15.94 per

1,000 gallons for the first 10,000 gallons and \$15.34 per 1,000 gallons for anything over 10,000 gallons.

The rate for Eastern is \$15.34 per 1,000 gallons.

The rates for the use of water services only within corporate limits are \$14.49 per 1,000 gallons for the first 10,000 gallons and \$13.93 per 1,000 gallons for anything over 10,000 gallons.

Following the ordinance's approval, rates for water and sewer service within corporate limits will be \$16.42 per 1,000 gallons for the first 10,000 gallons and \$15.76 per 1,000 gallons for anything over 10,000 gallons.

The rate for Eastern will be \$15.76 per 1,000 gallons.

The rates for the use of water services only within corporate limits will be \$14.78 per 1,000 gallons for the first 10,000 gallons and \$14.12 per 1,000 gallons for anything over 10,000 gallons.

Ambulance rates saw an increase that will continue annually from now on.

Calls for basic life-support for all residents of the city, including full-time Eastern students will increase from \$484 to \$500, advanced life support will increase from \$760 to \$783 and advance life support II will increase from \$910 to \$938.

Calls for basic life-support for all non-residents of the city will increase from \$685 to \$70, advanced life support will increase from \$1,085 to \$1,117 and advance life support II will increase from \$1,300 to \$1,340.

All will be charged \$15 per loaded mile compared to the current \$14.

A change in language is another part of the ambulance rate amendment. Currently, ambulance fees are evaluated annually and adjusted if deemed necessary; now with the approval of an ordinance, ambulance fees will automatically increase by three percent and rounded to the nearest dollar annually on May 1.

Four resolutions provided sensible rehabilitation with tax increment financing.

Mike and Stand's 504 requested no more than \$10,000, Z's Music and Sound request-

ed no more than \$10,000, Geisler and Weaver requested no more than \$9,211 and Hortenstine Properties requested no more than \$3,675.

The council waived bidding procedures on two 2021 Ford Ranger pick-up trucks for the Code Enforcement department. The purchase is not to exceed \$56,234.

The city will purchase the vehicles from Pilson Auto Center.

The council amended city traffic code on crosswalks and highway solicitation. Specifically, the council repealed and replaced 6-1-9 of the city code with the following language:

"Section 6-1-9: Impeding Pedestrian or Vehicular Traffic: No person shall completely or substantially impede the flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic in, on, or around any sidewalk or public property, way, or place. No person shall have the exclusive right to any sidewalk or public property, way, or place, nor the right to establish a stationary location therein."

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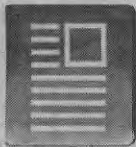


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## Faculty Senate holds final meeting of spring semester

By Adam Tumino  
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The Eastern Faculty Senate met via Zoom Tuesday afternoon for the final time this semester.

Following the committee reports that opened the meeting, Provost Jay Gattrell gave his report to the senate.

He started by thanking the senate for its work over the past year, especially with the challenges COVID-19 has created.

"Every two weeks we come together, and we discuss policy as well as practices and share information about bottlenecks across campus, and this year it's been incredibly important as a group that we share our experiences," Gattrell said. "I want to thank everybody for sharing with me their experiences and advocating for their students and their learners."

He also informed the senate about updates regarding commencement this semester, saying that people can attend without a ticket if they are fully vaccinated and have proof of vaccination and a photo ID.

Gattrell also reiterated plans for more classes to meet face-to-face next semester.

Faculty Senate Chair Don Holly gave his report next, taking time to highlight some of the things the senate did during the 2020-21 academic year.

"We got the EIU alert siren changed from 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., so there's one less siren going off during that popular Tuesday teaching block. We held two faculty forums, both of which were well attended. We changed the consti-

tution to allow faculty to get elected to standing committees in their first year at EIU, hopefully this will get more faculty involved in service. We overhauled the grade appeals committee to make it more efficient. We disbanded the ad hoc Budget Transparency Committee. We hosted some 16 guests, including faculty, students, two directors, two deans, three vice presidents and one mayor," Holly said. "And last but not least, we weathered another COVID semester."

The Think Tank Committee then gave a presentation. The committee's chair was Melinda Mueller, who is also the chair of the political science department, and joining her on the committee was Gattrell, Dean of Library Services Zachary Newell, education professor Jay Bickford and management professor Michael Dobbs.

The committee had a presentation in which they discussed the following topics:

- Value of the EIU community (Face-to-face and virtual)
  - Empathy for students' vulnerability and fragility (EIU employees too)
  - Need to improve equitable access to resources
  - Need to strengthen IT infrastructure
  - Need to tell our story for recruiting
- Committee members and members of the senate then discussed their experiences in these areas as well as other challenges that they have had throughout the semester.

Student Vice President on Academic Affairs then shared his perspective as a

student, detailing issues he has had contacting his professors in asynchronous online classes and how much it means to him and other students when professors simply reach out and care about their students.

The senate was then supposed to discuss a Staff Senate resolution with Peggy Brown from the School of Extended Learning, but Brown was not present in the meeting, so the senate decided not to discuss the resolution further.

The senate closed out the meeting with nominations for the Executive Committee for the 2021-22 academic year. All of the nominations were self-nominations.

Nichole Mulvey, an associate professor in the communication disorders and sciences program, was nominated to replace Katherine Shaw as recorder.

Psychology professor Jeff Stowell was nominated to continue in his role as Vice Chair of Faculty Senate.

The nominee to replace Holly as Chair was Assistant Professor and Institutional Repository Librarian Todd Bruns.

Holly closed the meeting by once again thanking his colleagues.

"I want to thank everyone again for their service on faculty senate this year," he said. "It looks like we have a fantastic senate assembled for the fall, and in other respects, a lot to be thankful for. Hoping everyone has a good end to the semester and a wonderful summer."

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## CAA to vote on Spring 21 credit/no credit option

By Corryn Brock  
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The Council on Academic Affairs will meet virtually Thursday at 2 p.m. for their final meeting of the year.

The council will address one item during its meeting, a credit/no credit option.

The item was proposed by the editorial board of The Daily Eastern News after members of the staff heard several students and professors talk of their issues throughout the semester.

Many of the issues heard were specific to the Spring 2021 semester but some also carried over from previous semester's issues.

The proposal follows an editorial published in The News that stated the editorial board's belief that a credit/no credit option for students would be beneficial.

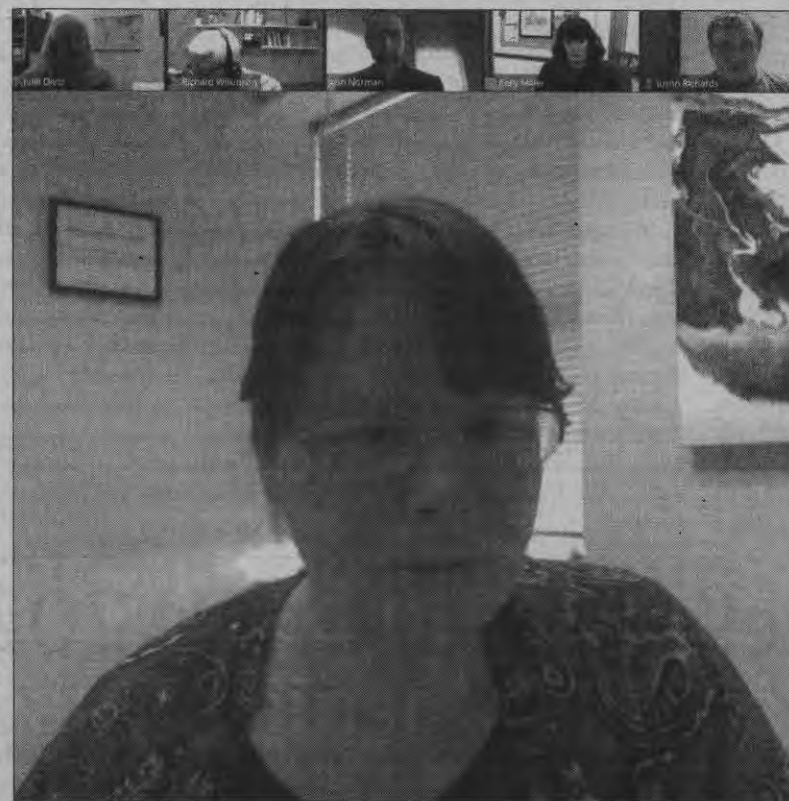
The editorial stated: "We do hope that the university realizes the place many students are in right now."

So many students are feeling burnt out, frustrated, and hopeless after a semester of no true breaks from the constant work load given to college students.

While our editorial board is grateful that the administration found a way to encourage safer behavior this year regarding the pandemic, it does not change the fact that our annual break from the stress of college was stripped from our students and replaced with modern stressors that were never really spent de-stressing.

They were spent catching up on homework and studying.

If students were lucky they



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Council on Academic Affairs Chair Claudia Janssen Danyi speaks during the April 15 CAA meeting. The council will meet to address one item Thursday.

could sleep in, but in no way does that compare to the break given during Spring Break."

In the memorandum, a summary states:

"As a board consisting solely of students who work with students daily, we believe this would greatly help our peers succeed in their careers here."

A member of the editorial board will be present to present the proposal to the council.

This will be the second to last meeting for the council this semester.

Its next meeting will be held on April 29 at 2 p.m.

The council will meet virtually.

On the budget for that meeting is a revision for the Family and Consumer Sciences Professional Education program, a revision for the Exercise Science Pre-Occupational Therapy program, the removal of the PUBH 3000 course from several education programs and the revision of the PUBH 2700 course.

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## Student Senate election results to be released

By Helena Edwards  
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The results of the Student Senate election for executive board positions and student senator positions will be announced at Wednesday's meeting after voting took place Apr. 19 and 20.

Those running will be for the following positions:

- Student Body President: Jaclyn Thomas and Jacqueline Williams
- Executive Vice-President: Payton Ade
- Vice-President of Student Affairs: Subodh Khanal, Terrence Trimuel, and Ahmed Shahin
- Vice-President of Academic Affairs: Prabin Karki
- Student Senator: Natalie Mitlyng and Jasmine Yusef

This last meeting of the semester is planned to be the second in person meeting for Student Senate in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union at 7 p.m.

The Senate Resolution 20-21-03, EIU United Against Asian and Pacific Islander Hate Resolution, will be brought up again at this meeting since last meeting did not have enough senators present to vote upon it.

The resolution reads:

"Whereas, The Eastern Illinois University remains committed to a welcoming and inclusive campus community that recognizes and elaborates its diversity.

Whereas, The Eastern Illinois University community stands in solidarity against Asian Hate in response to the ongoing violence and hate targeted against members of the AAPI community.

Whereas, Eastern Illinois University condemns any acts of expressions of hate and violence that threatens the personal safety and welfare of members of the AAPI community and all EIU faculty, staff and students.

Whereas, Eastern Illinois University has a duty to confront and speak out against all forms of racial, violence and discrimination.

Whereas, Eastern Illinois University recognizes and celebrates the rich history, culture contributions of those members of the Asian American & Pacific Islander communities.

Be it resolved, Eastern Illinois University & the EIU Student Government condemns any and all forms of discrimination, hate and violence against members of the AAPI communities and members of the EIU community."

The resolution follows a nationwide push to denounce racism and hatred towards Asians and Pacific Islanders.

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# Forum held on sexual assault awareness

By Elizabeth Taylor  
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Sexual Assault and Counseling Services and Eastern's Student Government partnered to hold a forum to promote sexual assault awareness Tuesday night.

The forum was lead by Noor Khamisani, student body president, and featured various experts on fields related to sexual assault.

The expert included Amanda Feder and Stephanie Anderson from SACIS, assistant criminology professor Dr. Mari Kita, Director of Counseling Services Lindsay Wilson and the Title IX Coordinator Dr. Shawn Peoples.

Each speaker prepared a short informational speech on topics like media and representation, gender and sexual assault, self-protection, myths about sex, shame and healing, and resources on campus.

Amanda Feder was the first speaker to give a presentation, so she explained some of the basics of what sexual violence is; this includes any unwanted sexual behavior like inappropriate touches, gestures and comments.

Feder also explained the concept of consent as "an agreement that is informed and is an enthusiastic 'yes.'"

Lindsay Wilson used some of her presentation time to talk about misinformation surrounding consent, assault and harassment.

"There's many different songs that contribute to romanticizing abusive behavior," Wilson said.

She listed "I'll Be Watching



Noor Khamisani



Kathleen O'Rourke, Human Services & Community Leadership



Karen Swenson



Amanda Feder, SACIS She/Her/Hers



Lindsay Wilson



Dr. Shawn D. Peoples

Campus and community leaders speak during a forum on sexual assault awareness. Speakers talked about resources available in the community and on campus to those who are victims of sexual assault.

You" by Sting and "Animals" by Maroon 5 as examples of popular songs that "contribute to rape culture." Wilson also pointed out that many scenes in movies, TV shows and advertisements promote similar ideas.

The next speaker was Mari Kita, who brought the perspective of feminist criminology since that is her field of study.

"I want to stress this factor of a power dynamic that often becomes the cause of sexual violence. For example, with men and women, men tend to have more physical force and oftentimes have more social status and more financial power," Kita said. "They can

abuse their power to control women's bodies in the form of sexual assault."

Kita explained that this kind of power dynamic is often the cause for abuse or sexual assault whether it is due to gender or a different kind of power dynamic.

Karen Swenson provided data to help determine what may help people protect themselves from sexual violence while on campus.

Swenson used the CDC as a source to say that universities should release data about sexual assaults on their campuses so that students can know when and where sexual violence happens. Universities are also asked to provide train-

ing for incoming students on how to prevent sexual violence.

"This also includes training in peer groups, so calling out male athletes and having training come from the coaches so they can address hyper-masculine peer norms," Swenson said.

Kathleen O'Rourke spoke next, discussing several myths about sexual assault.

"Another myth is that false accusations are common. In other words, 'when people say they've been sexually assaulted, they're really just making it up,'" O'Rourke said. "That is far from the truth. Anywhere from 2-8 percent of cases that are reported are false. It's a

very low statistic, it's very uncommon."

O'Rourke also covered myths like that people "ask for" sexual assault, that only women get assaulted, and that people don't usually know their assaulter.

Shawn Peoples was the final speaker in the forum. She shared the various resources on campus that students can use to report or just cope with any kind of sexual assault.

Specifically, Peoples recommended the on-campus counseling services.

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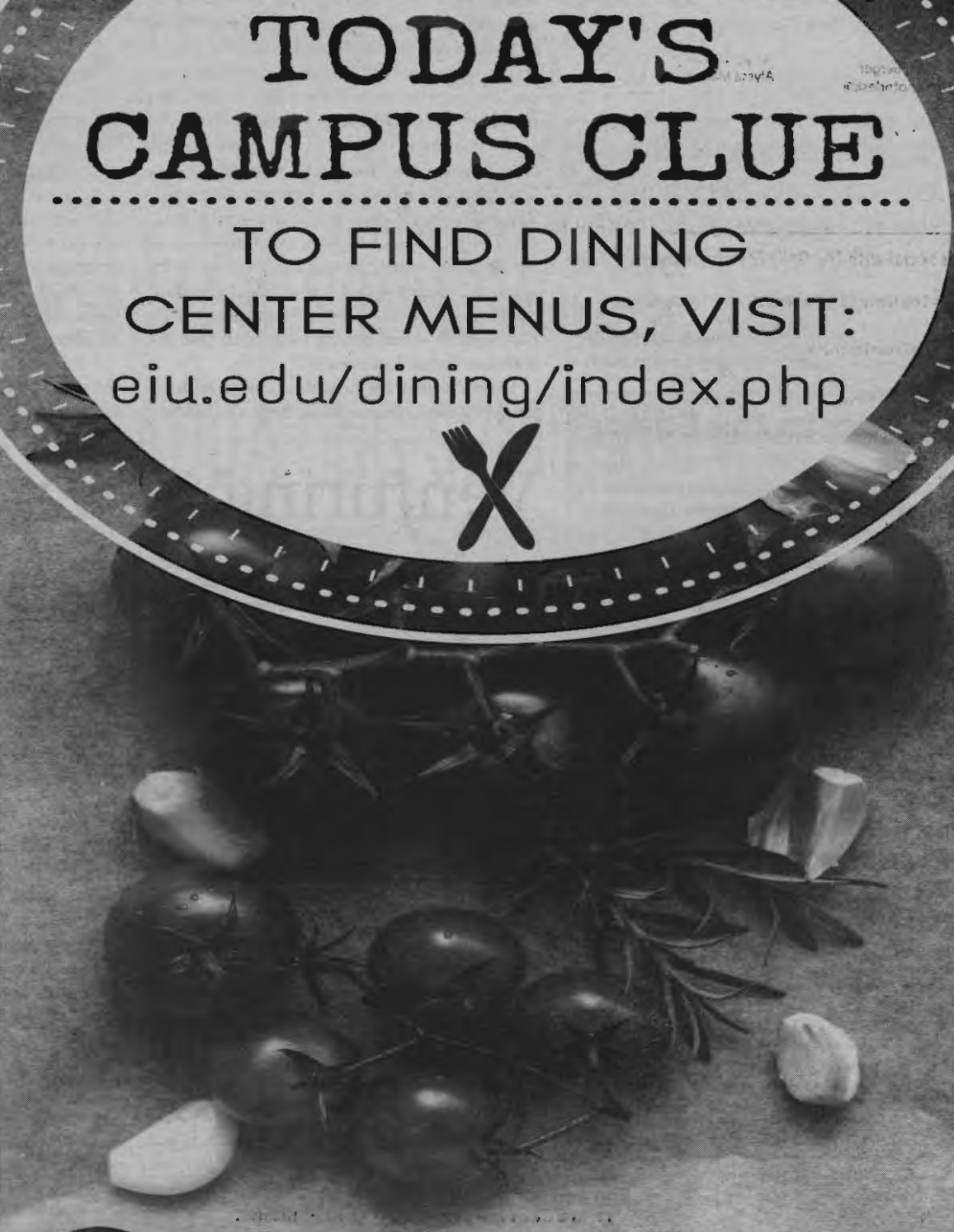


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## STAFF EDITORIAL

Keep up  
fight for  
justice

The verdict is in: Derek Chauvin is guilty of murdering George Floyd.

For many of us, it feels weird to be able to say that. Even though we all watched Floyd die in front of our eyes on video, in journalism we cannot say someone is guilty until a jury has found them to be guilty.

Now, we can put words to what we saw; Chauvin murdered Floyd.

For months we saw Floyd demonized by people across the country, saying he deserved to die at the hands of an out-of-control officer. Floyd was by no means a martyr, we will not argue that he was, but we will argue that no one deserves to suffer for nine and half minutes under the weight of a full-grown man just to then have his image dragged through the mud in front of his family for nearly a year after his murder.

His family now has some sort of justice. The court and the world now officially recognizes Chauvin as Floyd's murderer; not carbon monoxide poisoning, not blocked arteries, not drugs, but Derek Michael Chauvin.

However, Floyd's family will never be able to see or speak with him again. His daughter will grow up knowing of the impact her father had on the world but she will not be able to grown up with him in her life. Floyd's family will never truly have justice.

Because of this, we wish for no other family to have to experience what Floyd's family has. We wish for happier days for his family and for other families affected by police brutality.

But mostly, we wish for this country to truly begin acting like Black lives matter.

## Quote of the Day:

**"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor."**

Desmond Tutu

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## Chauvin verdict a landmark moment

On May 25th, 2020, George Floyd was murdered. We all remember the video or at least know what happened during it. The police were called over an allegedly counterfeit \$20 bill, and this resulted in officer Derek Chauvin kneeling on Floyd's neck for nine minutes and 29 seconds while he gasped for air, all up until the moment he died. A video of this encounter was shared and resulted in a worldwide outpour in protest against police brutality and an outcry that clearly stated: Black Lives Matter.

We've neared the end of the trial of Derek Chauvin and the jury has read the guilty verdict. I believe this verdict will lead to a momentous change in the history of our judicial system after years of injustice. Derek Chauvin being sent to jail will be one of few instances of prosecution of a police officer in this country. Despite the fact that we know of numerous instances of police brutality - particularly against Black people - these officers more often than not don't face charges, let alone a trial.

Derek Chauvin has faced three charges with different possible sentences. These charges include sec-



Destiny Blanchard

ond-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. The maximum sentences for these charges include 40 years for second-degree unintentional murder, 25 years for third-degree murder and 10 years for second-degree manslaughter. He's been convicted of all of these charges.

I think part of me expected the outcome to be the same as it always has been. I expected for Derek Chauvin to be another George Zimmerman, the of-

ficer who was acquitted after murdering 17 year-old Trayvon Martin. I, like many other African Americans, have little faith in our country's ability to protect and provide justice for us, for good reason. After so many instances of disappointment in law enforcement and in our judicial system, the verdict reached today represents a justice in Black America that we've been fighting for decades to get.

After this day I hope that we will continue to see justice. The killings of so many of our people, including Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Abernathy and Daunte Wright, has left us with feelings of sorrow and helplessness.

I think that after the summer filled with protests, and the verdict set from this trial, all of America will begin to see what we've been fighting so hard for. I believe more will join us in this fight, and one day we will finally rest.

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## Venturing into new music has benefits

Lately I've been getting into a bunch of music genres that basically all end in -wave, like vaporwave, chillwave and synthwave. The best way I can describe this type of music without consulting Wikipedia is that it has a lot of neon and feels as much like nighttime as any other genre. It's not sad, it's not happy, but it does make the listener feel like something important is happening. It's almost grandiose in a way.

I'm guilty of grouping all these subgenres together, as I'm not well-versed enough yet to truly differentiate them. It seems like vaporwave is a little more funky and a little less melodic than its counterparts, which is probably why I find myself leaning towards chillwave, which according to the Wikipedia page, takes influence from genres like bedroom pop, shoegaze and lofi, which are all things I enjoy.

There's a specific type of beat these songs have to hit for me to really enjoy them. I'm not musically-versed enough to describe it with proper music theory, but it's just a straightforward beat with minimal percus-



Ryan Meyer

sion. I love the arpeggiated synths that are always showing up, and what sound like more ambient chord progressions in the background that sound almost airy.

And even though I play guitar, I prefer this type of music with no guitar. I'd rather hear a synth play the riff, and I think that's why I have recently been gravitating towards the -waves. As an escape of sorts from the guitar indie rock I'm so used to. A bunch of synths done right is just total ear candy.

Lofi is another genre that a lot of people are familiar with, and most have probably

seen the "lofi hip hop radio - beats to relax/study to" livestream that seems to constantly be streaming on YouTube.

It's great background noise for any of the aforementioned activities, but it can often get too jazzy for me as someone who isn't huge on jazz.

The aesthetic is another important part of these genres. I usually use longer YouTube videos to listen when I'm doing something else, and the thumbnails are almost always visually appealing. Usually a lot of fuzzed-out neon or GIFs of futuristic-looking cars on luminous highways. It's as much of an appealing-to-the-eyes style of media as it is to the ears.

I'm sure that if I ever go back to casually writing music, the impression that these genres have left on me will have altered the way I approach music. Sometimes it's OK to sit back and sink into the -waves.

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Rucks said the verdict does not mean activism against police brutality should end.

"We need to keep making noise and make sure people know that this is not okay by any means. No one deserves to die in a police encounter if you're not harming a police officer," Rucks said. "For once this justice system worked."

EJ Hicks, junior English major, said they were upset it took as long as it did to come to a final result.

"I think it's a tragedy that it took this long for the trial to take place and that he didn't just get fired and jailed on the spot," Hicks said. "I also think it shows that we have a lot of work left to do to make sure people actually get treated with equal respect."

Hicks said regardless of the wait they were happy to see the verdict.

"I'm very glad he was found guilty, and hopefully it sets a precedent that police brutality won't be tolerated for much longer," Hicks said. "I think it's definitely a win for those against white supremacy but there is still a lot of work to do. Hopefully one day these ac-

tions are prevented instead of punished after the fact."

Cassius Burks, a freshman digital media major, said the verdict was personal for him.

"As an African American man, I am happy to hear that he was guilty on all charges," Burks said. "I know that this won't be the immediate change that I wanted for the world, but to see that after so long, justice was served for something that was witnessed by all really made me happy and finally feeling like I could live in this country without fear every day."

Max Zumpano, third-year psych and theater major, said justice was

served but this should not be the end of road.

"Intention is not the same thing as accountability. There's so much that goes into this," Zumpano said. "We need to fund the police for proper training in today's social climate, and any police officer that unjustly kills an otherwise defenseless person, they need to be held accountable. Period."

Elise Keane, a freshman biochemistry major, said when she first saw the video she became "immediately outraged and simultaneously unsurprised in the middle of facing a pandemic we were still dealing with the pandemic of rac-

ism. I immediately gathered with the students at my high school to do a protest at our downtown to make sure our voices were heard around the world."

Keane said she believes the verdict was the best outcome for the circumstances.

She said she is "cautiously optimistic of the change" the verdict will bring.

*Helena Edwards, Ryan Meyer and Elizabeth Taylor contributed to this article.*

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Included in the ordinance the council approved replacing 6-1-3(D) with "Pedestrian crossings at other than designated and marked crosswalks or at intersections are prohibited."

The council approved Mayor Brandon Combs' reappointment of Heather Kuykendall two-year term on the Police Pension Fund Board and Mike Monahan to a three-year term on the Charleston Carnegie Public Library Board of Trustees.

A temporary street closure was approved for the Charleston High School Senior Graduation Parade.

The route will be beginning at Fifteenth Street south of Harrison Avenue to Smith Drive; proceeding west on Harrison Avenue to Seventh Street; then north on Seventh Street to Monroe Avenue; then west on Monroe Avenue to

Sixth Street; then south on Sixth Street to Harrison Avenue; then back east on Harrison Avenue to Fifteenth Street and south on Fifteenth Street to Smith Drive.

The parade will be on May 19 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The resolution said "Charleston High School Senior Class of 2021 Graduation Parade is a new tradition and as such a benefit to our community."

Three proclamations were made, one naming the month of May Mental Health Awareness Month, one naming May Motorcycle Awareness Month and another naming May 2 through May 8 Professional Municipal Clerks Week.

The continuation of the local state of emergency was approved.

According to the resolution, "The nature of the emergency is the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude



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City Manager Scott Smith, Mayor Brandon Combs and City Clerk Deborah Muller sit in a meeting room of City Hall during a City Council meeting April 6. four members of the council attend the meeting from home to allow for proper social distancing between the individuals on the council.

that it may result in or threaten the death or illness of persons to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Charleston, and thereby it has warranted an emergency declaration for all states and local government entities and more specifically within the corporate limits of the City of Charleston."

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# April snow showers bring May flowers



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Lex Dalzell, a sophomore majoring in elementary education, walks back to her dorm from the Student Recreation Center in the snow Tuesday afternoon. Dalzell said she didn't mind the snow today because it was pretty. She added that she didn't like that the snow had brought cold temperatures with it.

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# Super League collapses after the 6 English clubs withdraw

LONDON (AP) — The Super League collapsed before a ball was kicked in the European breakaway competition after being abandoned by the six English clubs, leaving the Spanish and Italian participants stranded.

Arsenal, Chelsea, Liverpool, Manchester United, Manchester City and Tottenham throughout Tuesday evening deserted the proposal to launch a largely-closed midweek competition amid an escalating backlash from their supporters and warnings from the British government that legislation could be introduced to thwart it.

The Super League project was overseen by Real Madrid President Florentino Perez, who also signed up Barcelona and Atlético Madrid in Spain, and Juventus, AC Milan and Inter Milan from Italy. The rival for the UEFA-run Champions League became unviable without the six clubs from the world's richest league.

The remaining fledgling Super League organization was defiant, blaming "pressure" being applied for forcing out the English clubs and insisting the proposal complied with the law and could yet be revived in some form.

"Given the current circumstances," the Super League said in a statement, "we shall reconsider the most appropriate steps to reshape the project, always having in mind our goals of offering fans the best experience possible while enhancing

solidarity payments for the entire football community."

The English clubs heeded the appeals from UEFA President Aleksander Cererín to remain part of the Champions League, which has a qualification criteria based on a team's performance in the domestic league.

"I said yesterday that it is admirable to admit a mistake and these clubs made a big mistake," he said. "But they are back in the fold now and I know they have a lot to offer not just to our competitions but to the whole of the European game."

"The important thing now is that we move on, rebuild the unity that the game enjoyed before this and move forward together."

As it became clear Chelsea and City were quitting the Super League on Tuesday evening, Liverpool captain Jordan Henderson and his teammates posted a message advocating staying within the open European competitions.

Liverpool, which is owned by the Boston Red Sox investment group, eventually issued a statement thanking those inside and outside the club for "valuable contributions" before making the decision to stick within existing structures.

Manchester United defender Luke Shaw also went against his club by tweeting his backing of the existing Champions League minutes before his club's about-turn.

"We have listened carefully to the reaction from our fans, the UK government and other key stakeholders," said the club owned by the American Glazer family and listed on the New York Stock Exchange. "We remain committed to working with others across the football community to come up with sustainable solutions to the long-term challenges facing the game."

Just as the Glazers also own the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Stan Kroenke has the NFL's Los Angeles Rams in his portfolio along with Arsenal. It is the closed models of American sports that were believed to be so appealing to the U.S. owners by offering financial certainty.

But they were resisted by fans of English clubs.

"It was never our intention to cause such distress, however, when the invitation to join the Super League came, while knowing there were no guarantees, we did not want to be left behind to ensure we protected Arsenal and its future," the north London club said. "As a result of listening to you and the wider football community over recent days we are withdrawing from the proposed Super League. We made a mistake, and we apologize for it."

"We know it will take time to restore your faith in what we are trying to achieve here at Arsenal but let us be clear that the decision to be part of the Super

League was driven by our desire to protect Arsenal, the club you love, and to support the game you love through greater solidarity and financial stability."

Tottenham also gave a detailed explanation for why it signed up before backing away.

"We regret the anxiety and upset caused by the ESL proposal," chairman Daniel Levy said. "We felt it was important that our club participated in the development of a possible new structure that sought to better ensure financial fair play and financial sustainability whilst delivering significantly increased support for the wider football pyramid."

"We believe that we should never stand still and that the sport should constantly review competitions and governance to ensure the game we all love continues to evolve and excite fans around the world."

Chelsea, which is owned by Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich, said it only joined the Super League group last week.

"We have now had time to consider the matter fully and have decided that our continued participation in these plans would not be in the best interests of the club, our supporters or the wider football community," Chelsea said in a statement hours after its game against Brighton had been delayed by fan protests outside its Stamford Bridge stadium.

## Nationals put Soto on IL with strained shoulder

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington Nationals right fielder Juan Soto went on the 10-day injured list with a strained left shoulder on Tuesday, the latest setback for the 2019 World Series champions.

Soto, the reigning NL batting champion, originally was listed in Washington's starting lineup facing the St. Louis Cardinals on Tuesday night.

But less than an hour before the game's scheduled first pitch, the Nationals tweeted the move. The club also said that outfielder Yadiel Hernandez was being recalled from its alternate training site.

Soto is batting .300 with two homers and eight RBIs this season.



Andrew Stevenson took Soto's spot in right field Tuesday.


The Nationals began the day in last place in the NL East with a 5-9 record, thanks in large part to problems with their starting rotation.

Stephen Strasburg is on the IL with right shoulder inflammation, Jon Lester began the season on the COVID-19 injured list and has yet to make his Nationals debut, and Max Scherzer is 0-1 heading into his scheduled start Wednesday.

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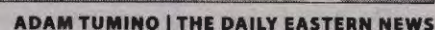


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